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### **Washington Group International Joint Venture Awarded \$186-Million Contract By California Department of Transportation to Improve Freeway in Riverside**

BOISE, Idaho – Washington Group International (NASDAQ: WGII) announced today that a joint venture led by the company was awarded a \$186-million contract to expand and upgrade a 7.8 mile section of I-215 and connecting highways in Riverside, California.

The contract was awarded to the joint venture between Washington Group (65 percent) and Obayashi Corporation (35 percent) by the California Department of Transportation. It is the second major highway project won by a Washington Group team in southern California in the past year. In May 2003 another Washington Group-led joint venture received a \$270 million contract to design and build a privately funded toll road section of the State Route 125 South Expressway in San Diego.

“We certainly appreciate this latest opportunity to work for a long-time client in one of the fastest growing regions in the country,” said Stephen G. Hanks, Washington Group president and chief executive officer. “We have a long history of improving the transportation infrastructure throughout southern California and we’re pleased that CalTrans has once again put their faith in Washington Group with this important piece of regional infrastructure.”

The Riverside project will include widening the freeway from six to eight lanes, replacing four bridges, building seven new ones, and widening nine more. The project also involves designing and building connector sections of State Routes 60 and 91 and constructing retaining walls and sound walls. Construction on the project will begin in March and is expected to last approximately 34 months.

The company demonstrated its design-build capabilities on three other recently completed large-scale transportation projects: the reconstruction of Interstate 15 through Salt Lake City, Utah, a \$1.3 billion undertaking; the Pocahontas Parkway, a \$350-million, eight-mile-long toll road in Richmond, Virginia; and the 42-mile-long E-470 toll road in Denver, a \$600 million project.

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